

the question of the legality of our appointment, and authority. A different opinion, however, controlled the action of *that* Board, and in a correspondence with Dr. Charles E. Johnson, which, I am pleased to say, was conducted without acrimony, and in a spirit of courtesy, we were notified that they declined to recognize the legality of our claim.

The following is the correspondence alluded to:

“RALEIGH, N. C., March 26th, 1872.

Dr. Charles E. Johnson, President, &c.:

SIR—At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Insane Asylum, appointed by His Excellency, Tod R. Caldwell, Governor, held this day in the office of the Private Secretary to the Governor, we, as Executive Committee of said Board, were directly to apply, through you, to the board appointed by the General Assembly, for a surrender of the Asylum into our hands. In obedience to that order of the Board, we respectfully demand that you, and the Board over which you preside, will surrender to us the Asylum and all things appertaining thereto, over which you exercise control, and that the Board represented by you, will cease exercising any further authority in relation to the Asylum.

Hoping that you, and the gentlemen acting with you, will deem it consistent with their duty as public servants, and to the interest of the Asylum to comply with this request,

We are, respectfully, your obedient servants,

W. WHITAKER,
R. C. BADGER,
J. P. PRAIRIE,

Executive Committee.